Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

Nicollet Soil and Water Conservation District FY03 EQIP

1. The local resource concerns that EQIP will address:

Water Quality - #1

Erosion Control - #2

Wildlife - #3

Air Quality - #4

- 2. List of geographic regions and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:
 - A. The Wellhead areas of St. Peter, Lafayette, and the new one for the City of Nicollet, for Nutrient reduction practices addressing the Water Quality concern.
 - B. Countywide for all well sealing practices addressing the Water Quality concern.
- 3. Prioritized and weighted ranking for each local resource concern for Nicollet County.

	Resource	
Factor	Priority	Weight
A1. Erosion Control	High (4)	8
A2 Gully Control	High (5)	8
B1 Water Resource	High (2)	9
B2 Wastewater/CNMP	High (1)	10
C Habitat Improvement	Medium (6)	7
D Air Quality	Low (9)	1
E Impaired Water	Medium (8)	7
F Distance	Medium (7)	7
G Grazing System	Low (11)	1
H Forest Mgt.	Low (10)	1
Additional Local*	High (3)	9

4. List of any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document

No deletions to the State Docket are recommended.

*Additional Local areas of concern:

There will be two additional factors of local concern:

- A. The Wellhead areas of St. Peter, Lafayette, and the new one in the City of Nicollet for Nutrient reduction practices.
- B. Countywide for the well sealing practice.

Both of these factors will be scored the same and address the Water Quality issue.

The Nicollet County LWG decided to divide the EQIP applications into two groups, Animal Waste projects, and "All" other projects. The \$75,000.00 EQIP allocation will be divided as follows, for those two groupings:

- 1. Eighty percent (80%) of the Nicollet County EQIP allocation will be used for funding Animal Waste projects.
- 2. Twenty percent (20%) of the Nicollet County EQIP allocation will be used for "All" other eligible projects.
- 3. Any money not allocated in one of the two groups listed above, due to lack of applications, will be used by the projects in the other group.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 03 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

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